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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I wanted to let you know that I think the government made the right choice in ending its litigation against Microsoft. Frankly, the Justice Department never should have continued the action against this company in the first place, and I am glad to see that the matter is finally resolved.

Microsoft makes innovative products, and this is not an excuse to break up this company. Microsoft has agreed to share information with its competitors, but it will still be allowed to develop products that will improve the technology industry. The settlement is fair and was reached after extensive negotiations. A technical review committee will ensure that Microsoft complies with the terms of the settlement.

I believe you have made the right decision by settling with Microsoft. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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